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COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The airborne export statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments individually valued $100-$499 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments to Canada and a 50 percent sample of such shipments to other countries. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. Over two-thirds of the value totals of $20,000 or more shown in the airborne export table are subject to a sampling variability of less than 5 percent. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 2%
$20,000-$500,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Less than 10%. Over 90% of the value totals have less than 5%
$20,000-$500,000, Total and North America	Less than 20%. About 80% of the value totals have less than 15%
Under $20,000, continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Africa	Generally $1000 to $2000
Under $20,000, Total and North America	Generally $3000 to $6000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less. The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]19,359	.....	6,099	3,599	4,995	647	135	248	[2]120,477	.....	19,681	9,789	42,702	5,068	1,184	1,131
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]6,509	2,535	658	1,669	286	34	74	.....	[2]32,011	7,595	2,460	9,414	1,931	241	274
Massachusetts.....	240	93	45	(*)	168	3	(*)	2	1,767	622	215	3	1,445	65	3	11
Rochester.....	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	52	52	52	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	80	80	77	...	(*)	...	...	...	124	124	117	...	4	...	...	...
New York.....	6,920	2,378	1,009	533	4,040	350	42	198	43,974	12,679	6,223	2,513	30,593	2,172	406	883
Philadelphia.....	63	28	4	...	25	25	1	(*)	134	43	19	...	72	30	4	3
Maryland.....	16	4	3	(*)	9	...	(*)	(*)	74	15	3	1	61	...	4	1
Virginia.....	(*)	(*)	...	...	(*)	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Florida.....	6,733	2,130	3,174	2,964	1	(*)	(*)	4	13,879	4,226	6,641	6,725	7	19	(*)	13
New Orleans.....	415	64	342	36	2	1	...	...	882	207	683	133	7	6	...	...
Galveston.....	474	309	191	30	184	16	2	25	1,211	545	502	176	238	118	4	133
Laredo.....	255	99	240	4	...	1	...	...	694	398	614	57	...	9	...	...
Los Angeles.....	401	105	59	15	220	46	17	5	9,388	704	325	86	8,236	458	169	37
San Francisco.....	403	165	8	7	96	172	63	5	3,483	987	43	61	694	2,030	531	10
Washington.....	101	82	72	...	1	(*)	...	...	375	318	328	...	(*)	1	...	...
Alaska.....	5	5	(*)	...	(*)	3	...	...	25	24	4	...	(*)	16	...	...
Hawaii.....	32	8	...	...	(*)	6	10	...	80	40	...	...	16	16	43	...
Montana and Idaho.....	20	18	16	...	...	...	...	...	161	161	155	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	62	62	48	...	...	...	...	...	147	145	131	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	10	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	61	54	2	...	53	1	...	(*)	205	164	8	...	177	10	...	3
Chicago.....	779	184	430	1	170	22	(*)	8	3,902	828	2,503	7	1,008	119	16	36
Ohio.....	226	2	161	...	8	...	...	...	757	5	636	...	51	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	217	47	198	3	...	...	...	...	218	95	181	22	...	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	38	16	14	4	17	(*)	(*)	1	393	321	287	6	91	(*)	3	2
Special Category[3].....	1,811	571	...	...	...	...	...	...	38,540	9,296	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	10,950	.....	3,501	749	5,847	811	8	34	83,203	.....	6,638	1,676	64,333	6,596	190	1,728
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	4,231	1,229	69	2,474	442	1	16	.....	29,369	2,507	780	21,559	3,871	14	638
Massachusetts.....	66	36	1	...	63	1	...	(*)	451	239	19	...	391	7	...	(*)
Rochester.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	12	3	3	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	8	7	8	...	(*)	...	...	...	87	72	76	...	1	...	...	...
New York.....	5,968	2,565	264	47	5,323	299	3	33	67,212	21,726	2,794	680	58,698	2,219	128	1,710
Philadelphia.....	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	(*)	683	642	...	...	641	...	...	2
Maryland.....	18	1	(*)	...	18	(*)	...	...	645	65	(*)	...	618	(*)	...	...
Virginia.....	7	7	(*)	7	...	...	...	...	36	35	7	29	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	2,820	871	2,126	687	1	6	...	...	2,758	1,374	1,691	948	22	30	...	...
New Orleans.....	97	19	95	(*)	(*)	2	...	...	76	28	44	1	2	5	...	...
Galveston.....	154	45	147	1	6	...	...	(*)	229	92	102	10	71	...	...	10
Laredo.....	205	200	205	...	...	...	...	...	103	80	90	...	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	325	108	44	(*)	119	162	(*)	(*)	2,909	1,173	271	1	1,531	945	5	3
San Francisco.....	209	139	5	(*)	37	161	5	1	1,549	795	8	1	326	995	57	3
Washington.....	154	84	5	...	2	147	...	...	2,016	1,400	122	...	11	1,799	...	...
Alaska.....	15	15	...	...	(*)	15	...	...	393	384	...	...	1	389	...	...
Hawaii.....	17	4	1	...	(*)	16	(*)	...	163	75	1	...	3	130	1	...
Montana and Idaho.....	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	7	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	3	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	39	19	3	...	36	(*)	...	...	241	133	36	...	183	1	...	...
Chicago.....	235	82	39	...	193	3	...	(*)	2,851	976	1,052	...	1,616	72	...	(*)
Ohio.....	30	3	14	...	16	(*)	...	...	344	20	110	...	192	1	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	546	19	537	7	2	...	...	...	267	39	196	7	8	...	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	33	4	5	...	28	(*)	...	...	164	9	7	...	17	2	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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